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...YU...KI——...!?
I...
...DIDN'T DIE, LUKA...

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Hotaru Odagiri

Yuki Takeya

Yuki

Luca Crosszeria

Threat to humanity

Someone to protect

Zwei

Somehow familiar

Current enemy

Master

Pairs of warriors with particular abilities whose role is to protect Yuki and Luca. They are reincarnated now and use to make use their abilities and continue the war against the Beast.

The Zweilt

Partner

Partner

Character

The Giou Clan

Tachibana Giou
Steward of Twilight Hall. Supervises he Zweih

Isuzu Fujiwara
The Giou clan's doctor and permanent staff of the Twilight Hall Infirmary. Researching more effective treatments for injuries inflicted by Duras

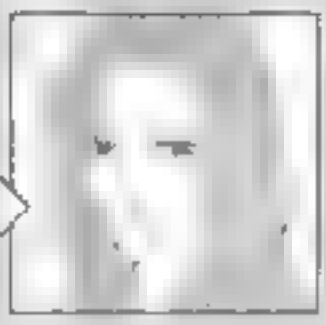
Takashiro Giou
Commander of the Giou clan. He introduced himself as Yuki's brother but that was a lie, as he has been alive since the "Sunset of the Underworld" a millennium ago. The most powerful of the clan, he is both a wolves and a necromancer. But might he still be hiding things from Yuki...?

Masamune Shinmei
A second-year high school student and apprentice necromancer residing at the main residence in Kamakura

Fuyutoki Kureha
Steward of the Giou main residence in Kamakura. Serves Takashiro.

Tsubaki Shikibe
Ibuki's younger sister and Yuki's aunt. Was betrothed to Senshiro.

Sisters



Ibuki Shikibe
Takashiro's very capable secretary and Yuki's aunt.

Reiga Giou
As Kaname Wakamiya, he grew up with Yuki as a Nightwing Sun Princess and made a pledge with Reiga and Yuki. Chosen as a Pure Blood vampire, he became a powerful commander.

Betrayed

Not his brother, but still very important to him

Formerly close friends

Was like an older brother

Senshiro Fujiwara

Kuroto Houra

story

The Giou clan—known as the "descendants of the gods" for the special abilities possessed by many among them—has existed silently in the margins of history. Among those with such abilities, there are "necromancers," who summon and control beings known as Duras from the other world, or Infernus. It was said that these necromancers would bestow great blessings upon the people.

But a day came when the necromancer Reiga betrayed the clan. Using the Duras, he drove the Giou halfway to annihilation, then deserted them for Infernus. That was the beginning of the long war between the Giou clan, led by Takashiro, and the Duras, led by Reiga.

Time rushed onward—and now, over a thousand years later, a new battle is beginning for the Zweilt and for Yuki Giou, the boy who holds the key to a millennium-long struggle...

ZARI (SCRAPE)

DOKUN (GRADUAL)

DOKUN

THIS IS...

...ELEGY'S MIMICRY.

LUKA ...!

JARA (CLINK)

NO, THAT CAN'T BE TRUE.

...NOT DEAD.

IS THAT WHAT I JUST HEARD?

LUKA.....

—YUKI IS...

SHE IS NOT THE REAL THING.

I'VE MISSED YOU SO ...!

...IS NONE OTHER THAN...

THEN...

...WHY— WHY DOESN'T ANYTHING FEEL OFF?

...A FAKE?

SHE MUST BE A FAKE—!

THE FEEL OF HER IN MY ARMS.

THE COLORS OF HER VOICE.

HER SCENT.

HER PRES-ENCE.

...THE "YUKI" OF MY MEMO-RIES...

...EVERY-THING ABOUT HER...

THE WARMTH OF HER SKIN—

HEE!

TEE-HEE!

HEE.

OH? YOU'RE NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT?

I JUST THOUGHT I'D OFFER YOU A CHANCE TO MEET THE LOVER YOU'VE BEEN LONGING TO SEE FOR AGES.

RIDICU-LOUS...

IF YOU WANT TO DECEIVE ME, YOU WILL HAVE TO TRY HARDER THAN THAT.

FU FU ...!

YOU LOOK QUITE SURPRISED!

ELEGY ...!

SHOW YOURSELF! WHAT SORT OF TRICK IS THIS!?

...WELL.

IT'S UP TO YOU WHETHER TO BELIEVE OR NOT.

THAT VIL YUE, THE LIGHT OF GOD...DO YOU THINK IT IS A FAKE?

...

BUT IF IT IS MY MIMICRY, THEN YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SENSE IT—

SO? ARE YOU GETTING ANY HINT OF A DURAS FROM HER. I WONDER ...?

—FAR FROM IT—

...I REALLY DON'T SENSE ANY OMINOUS PRESENCE.

.....

...HEYYY, ZESS.

CAN YOU SAY FOR CERTAIN... THAT THE HUMAN YOU BELIEVE...

...TO BE THE LIGHT OF GOD NOW IS THE REAL THING?

!!?

WHAT ...!?

AND IF YOU'RE ALSO CERTAIN THAT THE WOMAN BEFORE YOU IS AN IMPOSTER...

...PLEASE, GO ON AND CAST HER OFF!

YOUR OPPONENT SHALL BE—

—NOW... ...LET THE REAL GAME BEGIN ...!

MISS HIMIKO!

...GO AND TEAR THOSE TWO LOVEBIRDS APART! ♥

MY DARLING CHILD...

BA (LUNGE)

STAY BACK!

YUKI!!

DON (BOOM)

—WELL...

...IT SEEMS WE ARE JUST ABOUT FINISHED SEEING TO THE INJURED.

AFTER GIVING THOSE HOODLUMS A SEVERE SCOLDING...

...I WILL LET THEM BE ON THEIR WAY.

HE'S SMILING.

YES, YOU DO THAT.

—IT IS OVER FOR DOGOU AS WELL.

A MON STER-RRR

WITH WHAT HAPPENED TONIGHT, HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DENY HIS TIES TO ORGANIZED CRIME.

AND EVIDENCE OF HIS ILLEGAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICIANS WILL BE TURNED UP SHORTLY AS WELL.

WHAT!? ALREADY?

YOU FOLLOWED UP ON MY REQUEST SO QUICKLY?

YES.

...MEIKA-CHAN.

HOW ARE YOU FEEL-ING?

THEY'RE SAY NG...I NEED SOME KIND OF TREATMENT.

—SEN-SHI'ROU.

THAT TAKASHIRO-SAMA KEEPS HIM AROUND AS A STEWARD.

OF COURSE HE'S AMAZ-ING.

W-WOW, FUYUTOKI-SAN! YOU'RE AMAZING...!

IT WAS NOTHING, REALLY

THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT

TH-THANK YOU!

IT TOOK VERY LITTLE EFFORT.

DOGOU'S METHODS WERE SO CARE-LESS...

. ONE HARDLY COULD HAVE GLESSED AT HIS LAWYER STATUS.

RIGHT... YOU SEE-

. IT LOOKS LIKE THE "FOX SP RIT" THAT POSSESSED YOU HAS YET TO COMPLETELY LEAVE YOUR BODY.

BUT YOU WILL BE FINE. SPECIALISTS WILL MAKE SURE TO EXORCISE IT FROM YOU PROPERLY.

—NEEEVER MIND

I DON'T WANNA KNOW.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME.

WHAT... ARE YOU?

—HEY, SENSHI-ROU.

HM?

DON'T WORRY. LEAVE IT TO US.

YEAH... OKAY.

I MEAN, IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME IN MOVIES AND STUFF.

YOU FIND OUT SOME SECRET YOU'RE NOT S'POSED TO KNOW, AND YOUR MEMORY GETS ERASED.

I.. DON'T WANNA END UP FORGETTING YOU, SENSHIROU.

—MEIKA-CHAN.....

YOU WERE THE SAME AS ME.

YOU WEREN'T JUST GIVING ME THE SAME OLD LECTURE LIKE THE OTHERS.

THAT'S WHY YOU TOLD ME "THAT WON'T MAKE HER HAPPY" AND "IT WON'T BRING YOUR SISTER BACK"...AND STUFF.

YOU...LOST SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO YOU TOO, DIDN'T YOU ...?

...I SAID A LOT OF AWFUL THINGS. I'M SORRY.

YOU UNDERSTOOD HOW I FELT—

"LIVING WITH SO MUCH HATE—"

"IT HAS BEEN HARD FOR YOU...

...I WAS...

...REALLY GLAD.

...THANKS FOR SOCKING DOGOU FOR ME!

OH! AND...

THAT FELT AAAWE-SOME!

YEAH...

—FROM NOW ON...

...SHE IS GOING TO HAVE EVEN MORE HURDLES TO OVERCOME...

BUT SHE WILL NOT TURN DOWN THE WRONG PATH AGAIN.

YOU USED UP A LOT OF YOUR ENERGY—

YOU SHOULD SLEEP.

GOSHI (RUB)

YOU LOOKED. KINDA COOL BACK THERE, SENSHI-ROU...

YOU MUST BE TIRED, MEIKA-CHAN.

NEXT TIME YOU OPEN YOUR EYES, THIS WILL ALL BE OVER—

UM...

...WHO IS GOING TO EXORCISE THE "FOX SPIRIT" FROM HER?

SPECIALISTS, YOU SAID

FUYUTOKI IS ALSO A TOP-LEVEL ONMYOUJI.

THE KUREHA ALWAYS HAVE BEEN.

HUUH!?

AN ONMYOUJI JUST LIKE THAT—!?

THE FAMOUS ONE !!

...SO I WILL HAVE THE HONOR.

IT SEEMS SHE USED YIN-YANG MAGIC...

WHA...!? YOU, FUYUTOKI-SAN?

DOES A STEWARD REALLY HAVE TO DO ALL THAT...!?

NO, ONLY FOR THE GION

YOU HAVE MY HIGHEST ESTEEM

ANOTHER IMPORTANT DUTY OF MINE IS TO PROTECT THE MASTER. .

...WITH MY OWN LIFE IF THE NEED SHOULD ARISE, SO—

OF COURSE, SIR.

...AND PLEASE TRY TO AVOID WORD OF THE DAY'S EVENTS GETT NG AROUND.

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME KA-CHAN, FUYUTOKI-SAN.

YOU MUST ALL BE EX-HAUSTED

THE CAR IS WAITING, SO PLEASE RETURN TO THE MANOR.

AH....

FORGIVE ME, BUT I WILL BE WALKING.

IT'S ALREADY MORNING, SO I MIGHT AS WELL TAKE A STROLL—

NOTHING GOOD CAN COME OF HATRED OR REVENGE.

HE KNOWS THAT FOR A FACT.

...TO RAISE HIS HAND AGAINST SOMEONE OR ENJOY GETTING IN FIGHTS—

SENSHI-ROU WAS NEVER THE TYPE...

...MAYBE HE'S CONFLICTED ABOUT THE FIGHTING ITSELF.....

BUT...

...I UNDER-STAND THAT.

THE EGOCENTRIC THINKING OF A SURVIVOR...

BECOMING A ZWEILT, TRYING TO TAKE REVENGE ON CADENZA, IT IS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF MY OWN SELFISH DESIRES.

GRAND-PA...

I'M SO SELFISH, AREN'T I.....?

SEN-SHIROU-SAN.

. OH...!

YUKI-KUN

WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU NOT RIDE HOME WITH EVERY-ONE ELSE?

NO... I FELT LIKE TAKING A WALK TOO.

...UM, IS IT OKAY IF I TAG ALONG?

OF COURSE. IF IT'S YOU, I'LL WELCOME THE COM-PANY.

...THIS HATRED,

THESE FEEL-INGS...

—YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SURPRISED, RIGHT..?

WHEN I WENT AT DOGOU LIKE THAT OUT OF NO-WHERE—

EVEN IF IT WAS TO WAKE UP MEIKA-CHAN...

...IT WAS A LITTLE DRASTIC, I ADMIT

THEY CANNOT BE RATIO-NALIZED AWAY.

ME?

SENSHIROU-SAN IS A REALLY NICE PERSON , IS WHAT I THOUGHT.

....

...I'M NOT NICE IN THE LEAST.

I'M SELF-CENTERED AND PRIDEFUL.

IN FACT, I'M HORRIBLE.

EVEN WHILE STOPPING MEIKA-CHAN FROM TAKING HER REVENGE...

...I MYSELF AM HERE BECAUSE I AM CONSUMED BY HATRED AND SWORE VENGEANCE—

THEN LEAVE.

WHAT THE ZWEIT DO IS NOTHING OTHER THAN KILLING.

...LIKE, "THEY'RE DURAS, NOT PEOPLE" AND "IF WE DON'T FIGHT, THE HUMAN RACE IS DOOMED."

WE JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE HANDY EXCUSES...

—

KUROTO ...!...

KOTSU (CLICK)

HOWEVER DARK AND COLD THE PATH THAT LAY BEFORE ME WAS..

GET OUT WHILE YOU STILL CAN.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO STAY WITH ME.

KOTSU

I WAS STU-PID.

I'M THE ONE CADENZA WAS AFTER IN THE FIRST PLACE.

YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT FOR IT.

...I DECIDED... TO WALK IT ALONE.

SEEKING OUT WARMTH IN SPITE OF THAT... WAS FOOLISH.

.....

—WILL YOU...BE ALL RIGHT ON YOUR OWN?

...OF COURSE.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR MIDNIGHT SNACKS? YOUR APPETITE ALWAYS SNEAKS UP LIKE A GUERRILLA ATTACK. NO ONE WILL MAKE YOU ANY

AND ONLY I KNOW THE RECIPE FOR YOUR FAVORITE GREEN TEA KUZUKIR. CRACKERS.

CAN YOU KEEP YOUR CLOTHES IN ORDER BY YOUR-SELF?

YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THE SUMMER AND WINTER THINGS ARE STORED.

YOU GET CARSICK IF I'M NOT DRIVING.

IT WILL BE AWFUL IF YOU HAVE TO GET A RIDE ANY-WHERE.

AND BE-SIDES—

—WOULD YOU...

I WOULD NEVER EVEN CONSIDER LEAVING YOU.

NO MATTER WHO ELSE ABANDONS ME...

...OR LOOKS DOWN ON ME...

...OR SPITS IN MY FACE...

...I WILL STAY WITH YOU TO THE END.

...GRAND-PA.

"SENSHIROU, CAN YOU RELY ON KUROTO?"

YOU WILL FORGIVE ME, WON'T YOU? FOR THE PATH I HAVE CHOSEN—

...DID WE NOT SWEAR ON THESE RINGS THAT WE WOULD...

...DEFEAT CADENZA TOGETHER?

—

—!

YOU'RE.....

WHEN WE EXCHANGED RINGS!

IT WAS LIKE GETTING MARRIED, RIGHT!?

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN...

...PREPARED FOR THAT.

PLEASE DO NOT EVER DOUBT THAT.

IT IS MY ONE AND ONLY WISH.

...DID YOU THINK I WAS HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS?

MY MIND IS MADE UP.

—IF I CANNOT BE FORGIVEN FOR FIGHTING OUT OF A PERSONAL GRUDGE...

...IF I WILL BE PUNISHED FOR DOING SO... THAT'S FINE.

...YOU REALLY ARE...

...SUCH A FOOL

WHEN YOU HOLD ON SO TIGHT —...

...I CAN'T GET AWAY FROM YOU.....

IDIOT!!

IF YOU BREAK IT OFF WITH ME, KUROTO, YOU'LL BE NUMBER TWO!

HA HA HA!

GU CYANK

GYU (CLUTCH)

...THE BURDENS THAT ONE PERSON ALONE CAN SHOULDER...

...AREN'T VERY BIG AT ALL, I THINK.

—THAT... IS WHAT I THINK, BUT.....

IT'S A GOOD THING THE TWO OF THEM MET.

SO IT'S A GOOD THING THAT THEY'RE A "PAIR."

...IT WOULD BE EVEN BETTER...

...IF THEY COULD ONLY THINK OF HOW HAPPY IT MADE THEM.

!?

DO
SPLURCH

...BUT... MAYBE THIS WILL WORK?

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN I CAN'T WIN AGAINST YOU IN A FAIR FIGHT.

OHHH, IT'S NO GOOD, HMM?

YUKI!!

WHAT IS IT!?

WHAT'S WR.....

BETO (STICKY)

KYAAA-AAAAH!

AHA HA HA HA!

WHAT DO YOU THINK? ISN'T THIS A FUN IDEA?

—WHY, YOU...!

IF YOU WOUND MISS HIMIKO...

...THAT WOMAN WILL BE HURT TOO.

TH-THIS IS.....!?

BLOOD...?

HEE HEE

...THAT WOMAN HAS THE POWER TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF OTHERS, DOESN'T SHE NOOOW?

...!

...YOU DIDN'T —!

I'M HAVING HER HEAL MISS HIMIKO WITH THAT FANCY POWER OF HERS.

OH, YES!

I CANNOT LEAVE THIS PLACE...

I AM BOUND BY THESE CHAINS...

NIKO (SMILE)

I CANNOT GO...

THEN I'M TAKING YOU WITH ME...!

YOU MUSTN'T STAY HERE...!

...RUN, LUKA...

MUKU (CLURCH)

DON'T, LUKA...!

GO!!

ZARI (CRUNCH)

I DON'T WANT TO SHACKLE YOU HERE ...!!

HEE!

—HMM, I WONDER IF YOU CAN FIGHT NOW? ZESS.

HAH!

AH... I WOULDN'T KNOW.

I'M NOT FROM AROUND HERE...

WOW .....

WHAT A TALL MAN.....

CAN YOU

CATCH ANYTHING IN THIS RIVER?

.....HUH...?

JUST NOW, SOME-THING—

KOTEU

EX-CUSE ME...

...YOUNG MAN.

TODAY, I'VE COME WITH ANOTHER PURPOSE.

TO PAY MY RESPECTS... ONE MIGHT SAY.

AND... IN FORMAL WEAR...?

NO... I WAS JUST WONDERING.

NOT NECESSARILY FOR TODAY .....

—AND RED HAIR.

...HE MUST BE A FOR-EIGNER, RIGHT?

IS THAT SO? ALAS.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FISHING SPOT?

...TO YOU, THAT IS.

GET AWAY FROM HIM!!

YUKI!!

I HAVEN'T EVEN DRAWN A WEAPON.

—NOW, NOW. THAT'S NOT VERY POLITE.

HAVE WE MET?

A DEATH-SCYTHE WIELDER? CAN'T SAY I KNOW YOU.

.....!!

PIRI (CRACKLE)

...ARE YOU .....!?

...WHO THE HELL...

SU (SHF)

I WON'T TRY ANY-THING.

WELL, FIRST PUT THAT DOWN, AND I'LL TELL YOU.

...YOU ARE—

ZWEILT OF THE BLACK BLADE.

...YOU REMEMBER IT, DO YOU? MY VOICE?

.....?

THIS... VOICE—

—HERE, ON THIS NEW STAGE...

...WILL I BE TREATED TO THOSE LOVELY CRIES OF YOURS ONCE MORE, ZWEILT?

...

DEADENZA!!!

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...WILL I BE TREATED TO THOSE LOVELY CRIES OF YOURS ONCE MORE, ZWEILT?

—HERE, ON THIS NEW STAGE...

HE HAS SUCH AN OVER-WHELMING PRESENCE.

—THIS IS... CADENZA ...!!

HE'S THE MOST POWERFUL, THE MOST WICKED, AND THE MOST MESSED UP LUNATIC IN INFERNUS.

DON'T THINK OF HIM AS BEING LIKE THE OTHERS.

HE MUST...

...RANK CLOSE TO THE DEMON LORD OR THE ARISTOCRATIC CLASS.

HE'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT...

YEAH.

...FROM THE OPAST WE FACED THE OTHER DA—

MY HEAD IS SPINNING ...!

FURA (SWAY)

YUKI!

LIKE I'M GOING TO BE DRAGGED UNDER...

...BY WAVES OF UNFATHOMABLE DARKNESS.

AN S-RANK OPAST!!!

THE GENERAL CLASS!!

YOU'RE TOO KIND, BLACK BLADE.

I TRUST YOU WILL REMEMBER ME—

AND YOU, NEW LIGHT OF GOD...

...MAY CALL ME "CADENZA."

KU-ROTO-KUN...

YOU'RE THE MOST SENSITIVE OF US. YOU'LL TAKE THE BRUNT OF HIS POISONOUS AURA.

GET OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN, YUKI.

NOBODY'S COMPLI-MENTING YOU

—YES, YOU THERE...

I TRULY HAD NO ILL INTENTIONS. UNTIL *NOW*, THAT IS.

I'VE COME IN BLACK TIE AND ALL TO DO JUST THAT.

I SAID I SIMPLY CAME TO PAY MY RESPECTS, DID I NOT? AND AS YOU CAN SEE—

—DID YOU COME FOR YUKI-KUN...

...CA-DENZA?

KUH KUH KUH... HARDLY.

IF THAT WERE MY PURPOSE, THE LIGHT OF GOD WOULD ALREADY BE DEAD.

THAT ALL CHANGED WHEN YOU TURNED THAT GLARE ON ME.

KUH KUH...

SUCH A CHARMING EXPRES-SION.

EYES FULL OF LOATH-ING...

...JUST WHAT I LIKE TO SEE.

MIGHT THAT DEATHSCYTHE WIELDER BE YOUR NEW PARTNER...

...BLACK BLADE?

.....

HMM... YOU WERE UP AGAINST ME BY YOURSELF FOR SUCH A LONG TIME...

...I THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE GOTTEN DISCOUR-AGED...

BUT HERE YOU ARE WITH SUCH A HANDSOME YOUTH BY YOUR SIDE.

IT FAIR MAKES ME JEALOUS.

—...

...I AM GLAD TO MEET YOU AGAIN SO SOON, CADENZA.

I HAVE SURVIVED...

...THESE PAST FOUR YEARS FOR THE SAKE OF BURYING YOU.

SORRY, BUT KILLING HUMANS IS NO MORE THAN A GAME TO ME.

SCATTERING FEED AND WATCHING THE POOR LITTLE LAMBS GO AFTER IT, TOYING WITH THEM TO MY HEART'S CONTENT...

...AND THEN SLAUGHTERING THEM—THAT'S THE MOST FUN OF ALL!

WELL, WELL...

YOU KEPT LIVING JUST FOR ME? YOUR PASSIONATE WORDS REALLY ARE SO VERY TOUCHING.

BUT...

...FOUR YEARS AGO... WHAT WAS IT I DID AGAIN?

YOU BASTARD! YOU KILLED ALL THOSE PEOPLE...AND YOU SAY YOU FORGOT!?

YOU HAVE A SIMILAR PASTIME IN THE HUMAN WORLD KNOWN AS "FISHING," DON'T YOU?

DO YOU WORRY ABOUT EACH LITTLE FISH...

...THAT IS CAUGHT AND EATEN?

BASA (FLAP)

—AND NOW...

...YOU'RE THE NEW FISH ON MY LINE.

DEATH-SCYTHE WIELDER.

...MAKE YOU A PRESENT OF YOUR NEW PARTNER TORN LIMB FROM LIMB BEFORE YOUR EYES JUST LIKE LAST TIME, BLACK BLADE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHALL I...

SO IT WOULD BE SUCH A SHAME IF I DIDN'T HAVE SOME FUN.

...I'M SICK OF YOUR BULLSHIT.

INANAG!!!!

I'LL SEND YOU TO THE DEEPEST PITS OF HELL!!

...LET'S DO THIS.

"IF WE RUN INTO A HIGH-CLASS DEMON, AN OPAST...

"...THE FIRST AND BEST THING TO DO IS THINK OF A WAY TO ESCAPE."

...ARE THEY GOING TO TAKE ON SUCH A TERRIFYING ENEMY BY THEMSELVES ...!?

SEN-SHIROU-SAN...!

YUKI-KUN, WOULD YOU SET UP A BARRIER?

THEY'RE GOING TO FIGHT.....

BUT...

DON'T YOU BORE ME NOW, ZWEILT.

TCH...!
RIP)
ZA
(SLASH)
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
(SLASH)

LUKA!

FIGHT BACK!!

ヒオ

GGO GBOOM

IF I JUST KEEP DODGING LIKE THIS, I'LL BE DONE FOR.

WHAT CAN I DO?

"I...

...DIDN'T SEE LUKA...

CAN THIS REALLY BE HAPPENING?

BUT IF I ATTACK...

...THAT THING'S WOUNDS WILL BE TRANS-FERRED TO YUKI—

I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELEGY'S ABILITIES ARE...

EVEN WHEN WE WERE ALLIES, HE HATED TO SHOW HIS CARDS.

AND I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM TAKE A FEMALE FORM ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

TO THINK HE SOMEHOW BROUGHT YUKI BACK TO LIFE—

...NO.

THAT'S NOT IT...

I—

LUKA.

DING-DING!

THIS LIGHT OF GOD IS AN ILLUSION FORMED FROM YOUR MEMORIES—

SOOO OF COURSE, NOT ONLY HER FORM, BUT THE SCENT, THE FEEL OF HER ARE ALL JUST AS YOU REMEMBER!

FU-FU... ZESS, YOU REALLY...

...ARE NINETY-NINE PERCENT SURE THAT WOMAN IS A FAKE...

AND YET! SO LONG AS YOU CAN'T THROW OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THAT OTHER ONE PERCENT...

...THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN ABANDON HER!!

GYUDO (WHOOSH)

!

YUKI!!

DOSHU (SKISH)

I JUST...

IT'S TRUE.

...HOW DESPERATELY DID I BEG TIME TO STOP?

AS I WATCHED HER BREATHING GROW SHALLOW BIT BY BIT...

...DON'T WANT TO SEE HER TAKEN FROM ME EVER AGAIN—

LUKA ...!

HAAH!

HAAH...

HOW MUCH HAVE I LONGED TO SEE HER?

ILLUSION OR NOT.

...WHAT A COWARD YOU'VE BECOME, ZESS!!

ONCE UPON A TIME YOU'D HAVE SWUNG YOUR SWORD WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH!

SEE HOW USELESS THIS THING YOU CALL "LOVE" IS!

AH! HA HA HA HA!

WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THAT I'M ONLY MAKING MYSELF ANGRY BY SAYING THESE THINGS...!?

...WAIT!

YOU, WHO WERE SO COLD TO EVERYONE, IN LOVE WITH AN EARTHLING .....!

.....

.....

OH! HOH! HOH! HOH! HOH! HOH!

YOU'VE GIVEN THAT WOMAN SO MUCH OF YOUR HEART THAT YOU'VE GONE AND GIVEN YOURSELF A "WEAKNESS" IN THE PROCESS!

SUCH POETIC JUSTICE!

GO (WHOOSH)

KUH ...!

PISHA (SMACK)

SHUT UP.....

NOT LIKE THIS...

...JUST BE A GOOD SPORT AND LET ME FINISH YOU OFF!

FU FU!

SINCE YOUR HANDS ARE TIED, ZESS...

IF I CAN JUST...

I WON'T BE THE ONE DYING HERE...!

...FIND ELEGY'S ACTUAL BODY—

HMPH...

STILL MAKING THAT FACE EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE PRACTICALLY IN SHREDS...

WELL, NO MATTER. MISS HIMIKO, IT'S TIME TO END HIM!

HAH...

YUKI—

KYAH!

KA
(FLASH)

!?

LUKA.

WHAT IS THAT!? THIS LIGHT ...!!

WH—

—THE MARK ON MY ARM...

...IS GLOWING .....?

LUKA.

YU...

...KI.....!?

LUKA.

YOU CAN'T LET HER TRICK YOU.

A BUTTER-FLY...!?

—SO THAT'S IT!

OH NO...!!

THAT IS ELEGY'S...

...TRUE FORM.

FU (WASH)

Y-YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS.

AND I WAS SO CLOSE...

...TO BREAKING ZESS'S SPIRIT...!

DAMN ...!

HE GOT ME ...!

GYAAAAH!

SUBJ (FWSSW)

—— SO BEFORE I KNEW IT...

...I'D FALLEN RIGHT INTO ELEGY'S TRAP...

...ARE YOU.....

...YUKI .....?

I'M
(SIGH)

I...

...THAT I PLACED UPON THE MARK ON YOUR ARM.....

...AM THE SHARD OF MY POWER...

THERE IS...

...NOTHING I CAN DO...

...BUT LOVE YOU.....

...FORGIVE ME...

...LUKA.....

.....WHY...

...DO YOU LOOK AT ME SO SADLY...?

I...

...STILL...

...THAT IS MORE THAN ENOUGH.

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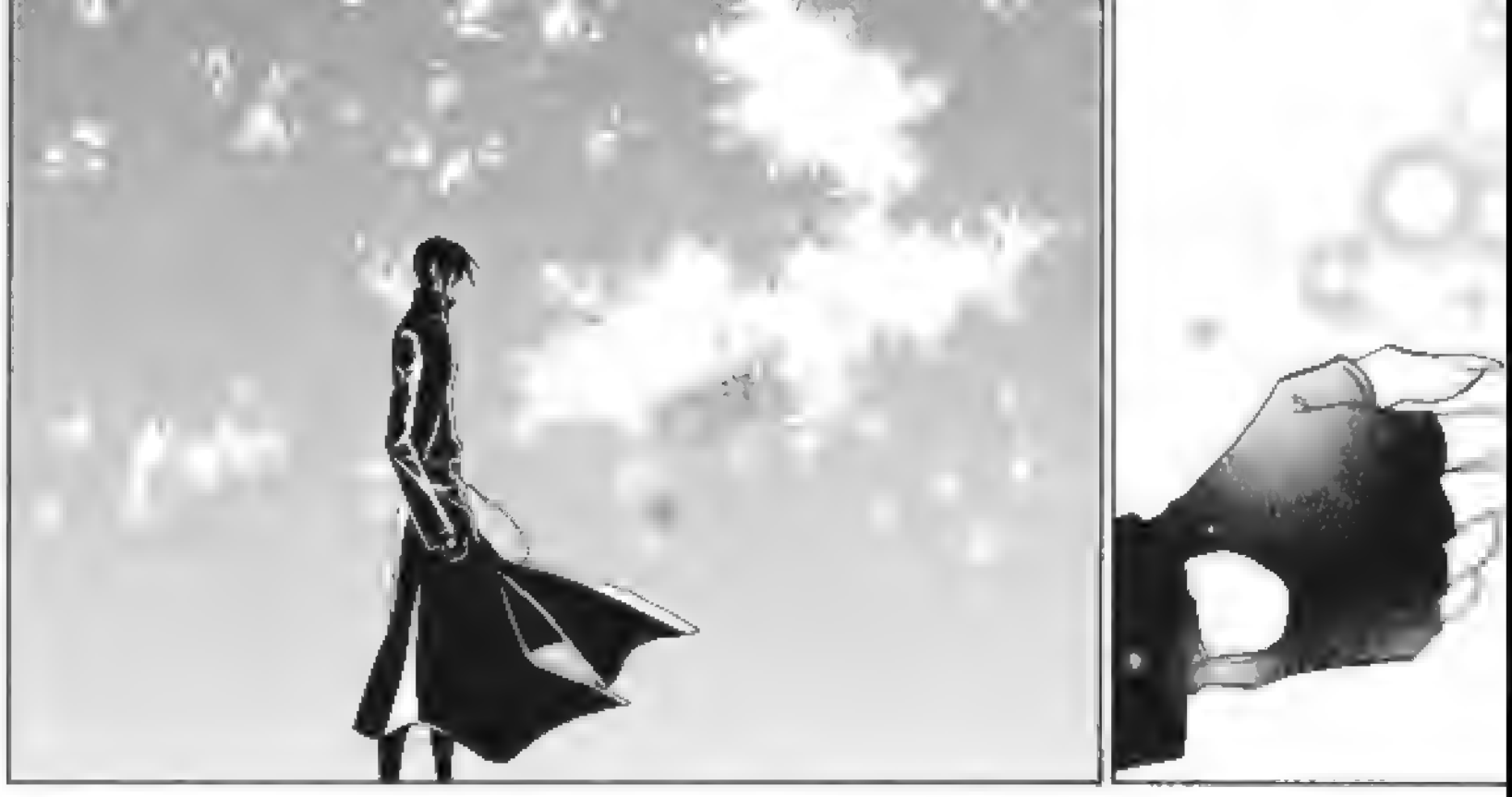
FWASA (BRUSH)

YOU HAVE...

...NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

...LOVE YOU...



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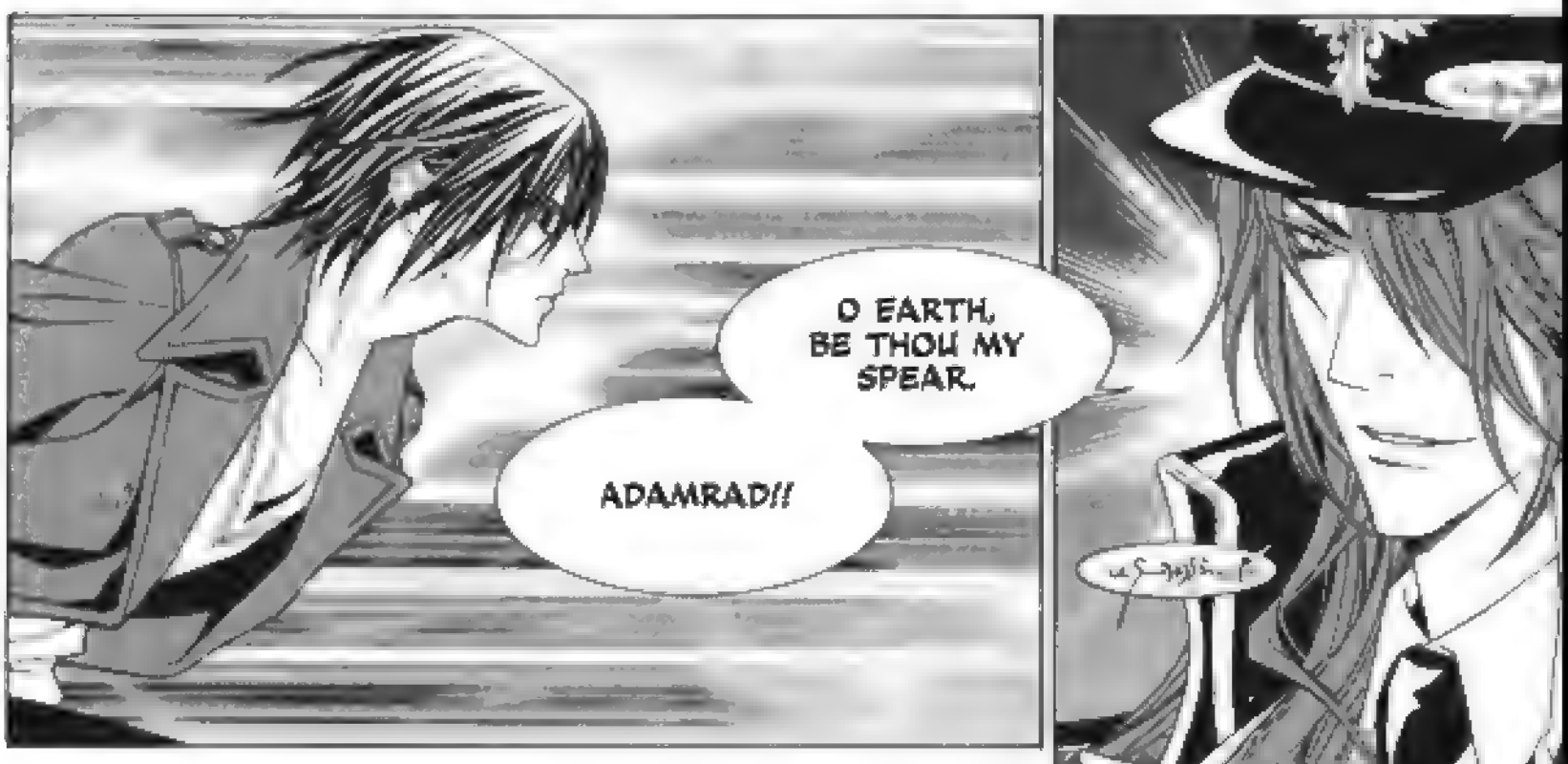
O EARTH, BE THOU MY SPEAR.
ADAMRAD!!

HELL

FU (WHOOSH)

GAKIIIN (CLANKING)

KIA (CLANKING)

CHARACTERS: FERACIOUS TIGER

MEGYLLVARDA —LEV ROIMA!!

HMPH!

(LAUGHTER)
OOOH!

YAAO
CRASH

DOSAA
CRASHDOM

DOSH
(SPLURCH)

!!

CAN THIS REALLY BE THE SAME SENSHIROU-SAN—?

HE'S NOT HESITATING AT ALL...

"VIOLENCE IS WRONG..."

THEY... GOT HIM ...!?

AMAZING...

THEY'RE BOTH RIDICULOUSLY FAST...NOT TO MENTION BLOOD-THIRSTY.....

...YOU MAKE...

...A GOOD TEAM...

—DEATH-SCYTHE WIELDER...

THE EVENTS OF FOUR YEARS AGO OF WHICH YOU SPEAK...

...I HAD INDEED FORGOTTEN THEM.

GU (GRAB)

CONSIDER THIS AN APOLOGY.

!?

BUSHU (SPURT)

NOW I THINK I'LL START GETTING SERIOUS.

NIWA (...EE-RI)

DO (GUNG)

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...WHAT...

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...IN THE WORLD...

...JUST TOOK PLACE .....?

I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT I JUST SAW—

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IN SEARCH OF THE STRENGTH TO LIVE

—MY ARMS... MY LEGS FEEL SO HEAVY.

I FEEL HOT.

I CAN'T MOVE A MUSCLE. IT IS AS THOUGH I AM PARA-LYZED...

.....
NGH...

THE PAIN BURNS, BUT...

...MY FINGER-TIPS ARE GETTING COLD...

I CAN DO NOTHING LIKE THIS...

...AM I DYING?

"SENSHIROU...

"...YOU ARE MY PRIDE AND JOY."

EVERY-ONE AT THE DOJO .....

GRAND-PA...

IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

HE BEAT ME IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

TO THINK THERE COULD BE SUCH AN OVER-WHELMING DIFFERENCE IN POWER BETWEEN ME AND A GENERAL-CLASS OPAST—

"I WOULDN'T MIND BEING ON NIGHT DUTY ALL THE TIIIME!"

"HE REALLY IS!"

"MY, YOU CERTAINLY ARE A FINE CHEF!"

...I'M..... SO POWER-LESS...

EVERY-ONE...

I...

LIKE THIS, I CAN'T .....

PLEASE GET AWAY QUICKLY!!

WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!

I CAN'T DIE...!

...KU-ROTO...

WHY WOULD I DIE NOW?

IF I DID, I'D BE LEAVIN' BEHIND TWO ADORABLE GRAND-SONS... NOW WOULDN'T I?

I WOULD BE ABANDONING THE LIFE EVERY-ONE GAVE THEIR LIVES TO SAVE THAT DAY...AND KUROTO TOO...

—NO.

I MUSTN'T .....

...I CANNOT LET MYSELF DIE.

STRENGTH!

I WANT THE STRENGTH TO LIVE...!!

I'M...

...THE BRINGER OF DEATH!

...LIGHT.....?

A WHITE...

...PURE RADIANCE.....

THE PAIN IS.....

.....?

THAT BURNING HEAT IS EASING.

AND THE WARMTH IS RETURNING TO ALL THE PARTS OF MY BODY THAT FELT SO COLD...

WHAT IS IT ...?

THIS BEAUTIFUL, SOLEMN LIGHT...

LIKE SOME-THING ALMOST HOLY—

THE HURT THROUGHOUT MY BODY IS DISSIPATING.

SOFTLY, GENTLY...

...AH .....!

...NGH .....!

HAAH!

HAAH ...!

KUH KUH...

GHHK

HUMANS ARE SUCH FRAGILE THINGS.

AND YET WHEN YOU TAKE SOMETHING IMPORTANT FROM THEM...

...THEY PUT UP A CRAZY FIGHT.

...YUKI... KUN...?

HAH!

...AH!

HAAH!

OWW... NGH...!

—GUH...

GRRR (GROWL)

YOU KEEP COMING AFTER ME EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW YOU'LL BE TORN TO SHREDS...

IT'S PRACTICALLY ENDEARING.

IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU...

...TO FOLLOW YOUR OLD FRIEND IN DEATH WHILE CURSING YOUR OWN FUTILITY.

OR ARE YOU TOO MUCH OF A COWARD TO DIE?

IF THE PARTNER WHO WAS SO DEAR TO YOU IS NO LONGER IN THIS WORLD...

...WHY DON'T YOU FOLLOW HIM?

GIRI

GIRI GIRIRI

WELL THEN...

...HOW ABOUT I HELP YOU ALONG?

KAH !

.... !!

ZA (DASH)

YAAAAAAAH!

GAKIN (CLANG)

VIL YUE ...!

DG (THUD)

KOFF!

KOFF!

YUKI ...!

...KUH .....!

DARK (WOOM)

HAAH...

.....IT'S NOT...

ZA (STEP)

YOU SHOULD'VE STAYED BACK AND WATCHED LIKE A GOOD BOY...

ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH TO DIE?

DYING ISN'T BRAVERY!!

...AND LIVE FOR TOMORROW.

SO WE'LL STRUGGLE AND FIGHT...

PEOPLE ARE WEAK... BUT...

NO MATTER HOW HARD OR PAINFUL IT MIGHT BE...

...LIFE ISN'T SOMETHING SO CHEAP...

THAT'S A THOUSAND TIMES BRAVER...!

...WE CAN JUST THROW IT OUT ON A WHIM LIKE YOU'RE SAYING. WE KNOW THAT FOR A FACT.

I'LL TAKE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING FROM YOU.

I'LL MAKE YOU LOSE THE WILL TO LIVE.

AND THAT THOSE TWO ZWEILT WON'T CHOOSE DEATH ON THEIR OWN BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW PRECIOUS LIFE IS?

...IF THAT'S HOW IT IS...

...THEN PERHAPS I SHOULD MAKE THEM WANT TO DIE.

...SO ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU ATTACKED ME...

...IN ORDER TO LIVE?

YOU DON'T...

...HAVE THAT POWER.

EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE NOT PHYSICALLY ALIVE...

...AND WE... CAN'T SEE THEM AGAIN...

THOSE PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS LIVE ON INSIDE OF THEM...!

YOU CAN'T TAKE EVERYTHING FROM US...

...AND KUROTO-KUN AND SENSHIROU-SAN'S LOVED ONES WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR.

SO...

...YOU CAN'T TRULY TAKE ANYTHING FROM US.

...WILL KEEP ON EXISTING ALONG WITH US...!

THE TIME THAT WE SPENT TOGETHER, THE WORDS THEY GAVE US...

...THE LOVE THEY SHOWERED US WITH—

—ALL THE THINGS THAT "PROVE" THOSE PEOPLE LIVED...

.....

...HOHH... IN THAT CASE...

...SHALL WE TEST YOUR HYPOTHESIS TO SEE WHAT I CAN OR CANNOT TAKE FROM YOU?

KILLING "QUICKLY" DOES GO AGAINST MY AESTHETIC CODE, BUT—

I'LL START WITH YOUR LIFE.

STOP!

CA-DENZA ...!!

BA (RUSH)

!?

ZAIA (GUARD)

SENSHI-ROU.....!

...FOR WHAT YOU SAID TO CADENZA.....

I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN SAVED BY YOUR WORDS—

SEN-SHIROU-SAN.....

THANK YOU...

..FOR HEALING ME.

...AND...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, YUKI-KUN?

YES...

BEST GET RID OF YOU NOW...!

AH YES...THE POWER TO HEAL—

THAT'LL BE NO END OF TROUBLE.

CHARACTER: "BINDING"

BIND

I BIND YOU!

—WE WON'T LET YOU DO ANY SUCH THING!

GYA (GUNA)

GYA

HM ...!?

...!!

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

TAKE YUKI-KUN AND RUN!!

WHAT... ARE YOU... SAYING ...!?

...OBORO!!!

KUROTO!

GUH ...!

...I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU CAN STILL FIGHT.

THOUGH YOU REALLY SHOULD BE DEAD.

SUGUGU OYUSHO

GUESS I DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE IN.....!

GIRI (GRIT)

RUN AWAY ...!

AT LEAST... YOU...CAN .....!

KUROTO-KUN...!

SHOULDN'T WE ALL ESCAPE TOGETHER .....!?

A-AND LEAVE YOU TWO HERE!?

...YUKI, YOU CAN GET TO THE MAIN HOUSE BY YOURSELF, RIGHT?

BUT...! WHEN WOULD THAT—

IT'LL TAKE BOTH OF US TO SUBDUE CADENZA.

...IN THE MEANTIME, THEY SHOULD REALIZE WE'RE MISSING BACK AT THE HOUSE AND SEND BACKUP.

FORGET THAT! JUST GO!

YOU CANNOT DEFEAT ME!!!

BAH (WHAM)

BAP! (BZZT)

...BUT—

AND I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS—

ZU (SHWUP)

BYU (WHOOSH)

GOA (LUNGE)

KUROTO...! WHY DID YOU NOT RUN!?

DON'T BE SO DUMB!!

LIKE I COULD LEAVE YOU BEHIND .....!!

TO (TUMP)

!?

DO (SHINK)

DAH (SLASH)

ZUBUBU (SPLORCH)

BACHI

BACHI (CRACKLE)

KUROTO!!

SUSA!

NH...

I'M STARTING WITH THE "LIGHT OF GOD" FIRST.

NOW JUST STAY PUT FOR A MINUTE LIKE A GOOD LITTLE BOY.

KUROTO-KUN...!

—ALREADY...

...HAS BEEN SPILLED.

...TOO MUCH BLOOD...

AND BEING ABLE TO DO NOTHING...

STOOOOP!!!

...BUT WATCH...

...AS MY FRIENDS GET HURT—

NO, NO MORE—

...ST.....

...OP.....

.....!...

KA (FLASH)

GO (RUMBLE)

!?

BUA (WOOSH)

TO (THUD)

GO (ROAR)

IS THIS——"HALLOW WOE"...!?

GGGG

THE LIGHT OF GOD, HM...?

I SEE...

THE SPELL THAT PROTECTS YOUR ALLIES WITH A HOLY DEFENSIVE BARRIER—

THE SAME TECHNIQUE, WHICH WAS "THAT WOMAN'S" FORTE.....

THEN ALL THERE IS TO DO IS BREAK IT...!!!

DOU (SHOOM)

DOU

BACHI (ZZZT)

BACHI

A CONTEST OF RAW POWER, LIGHT OF GOD!!!

ZOO (ZOOM)

BASHI (BAZZT)

.....!!

I MAY NOT BE QUITE AS GOOD WITH MAGIC, BUT...

...THAT "HALLOW WOE" USES A GREAT DEAL OF POWER... HOW LONG CAN YOU KEEP IT UP, HMM?

YU-YUKI-KUN...!

DAMMIT .....!

IT'S NO GOOD ...!

MY LEGS ARE SHAKING ...!

I CAN'T HOLD HIM OFF.

KUH KUH KUH .....

IT'S GOING TO BREAK ...!!!

DOGOA (KABOOM)

WHAT .....!?

PARA (GRUMBLE)

PARA

PARA

CADENZA.

I DON'T RECALL ORDERING YOU TO DO THIS.

...MY, MYYY—

COMING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE ON MY BEHALF WAS HARDLY NECESSARY.

...LORD REIGA.

KA.....

KANATA-SAN...

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REBEL

KANATA-SAN—!

KA.....

"...FROM THIS MOMENT FORTH...

"...YOU AND I ARE ENEMIES!!"

KATSU COLLOID

AND NOW THE BOSS SHOWS UP .....!!?

DAMN ...!

.....

REIGA ...!!

SO THAT IS HE—

THERE I WAS, WONDERING WHERE YOU'D GONE OFF TO...

...AND NOW I FIND YOU HERE, CAUSING ALL THE MISCHIEF YOU PLEASE.

...CADENZA.

THOUGH NONE OF THAT HAS ANYTHING TO DO...

...WITH THE REASON I SUMMONED YOU.

THE LIGHT OF GOD SHOULD BE KILLED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

WHYEVER WOULD YOUR LORDSHIP BE PROTECTING THE ENEMY?

—IT'S TRUE I DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY SUCH ORDER...

...I COULD HARDLY LET SUCH A FINE CHANCE AS THIS SLIP THROUGH MY GRASP.

BUT...

KA—

KANATA-SAN—

—AND IF I REFUSE?

STAND DOWN, CADENZA.

WE HAVE ANOTHER OBJECTIVE AT THE MOMENT...

DASHU (VZZT)
GI (CLINK)
GYURURURU (TRRRL)
.....!!
WH-WHAT ARE THEY !?
THOSE CHAINS ...!
A SUMMONER'S "SPELL-BINDING" ...!

WHEN A NECROMANCER HOLDS THE "TRUE NAME" OF A DURAS, HIS COMMANDS ARE ABSOLUTE...

IF THAT DURAS FAILS TO OBEY, HE'LL BE BOUND BY CHAINS...

...AND HIS FLESH WILL BURN...!

YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW...

...CA-DENZA...

...THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO DEFY ME.

HOW-EVER...

...THAT IS ONLY THE CASE IF THE FAOLAR'S POWER IS SUPERIOR—

—PER-HAPS...

BARI (CRACK)

BARI

HE'S ACTUALLY TRYING TO BREAK FREE OF THE BINDING ...!?

NO WAY...

!

BARI

IT'S NO USE.....

GUO (ROAR)

STOP IT, CADENZA!

GU (GOUT)

HRKK!

WHAT!?

GO (FWOOM)

AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'VE CAST THE SPELL OF "BINDING" ON EACH OF US...

...SO EVEN NOW YOUR POWER IS SPLIT INTO THIRDS .....!!

!

...AND YOU'VE USED UP... A GOOD DEAL OF YOUR POWER ...!

I WONDER...! YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN, MY LORD, BUT YOU'VE SUMMONED THREE OF US OPAST...

NO USE, YOU SAY?

BARI

BARI

BAR

BAR

HAHAH

GRAAA

BA

BA (SHARP)

HE BROKE FREE ...!!

...!!

HAHAH

HAHAH

...I WILL HAVE THE LIFE OF THE LIGHT OF GOD.....!

EVEN IF I MUST DEFEAT YOU TO DO IT, MY LORD...

!!

(SHARP)

ACTING SO SELFISHLY AND NOT EVEN LISTENING TO YOUR SUMMONER'S ORDERS.....

REALLY NOW...

DON (BOOM)

THIS IS EXACTLY WHY OPASTS ARE SUCH A PAIN!!

DOKA! (SLAM)

IZARBDO.

KUH .....!

GOO (WOOM)

UWAH ...!

GYUUU (TWIST)

DOBUA (SHOOM)

DOOM (BOOOOOM)

DOOOM (BABOOOM)

DOOOM (BABOOOM)

SMITE THIS FOOLISH CREATURE!

O HAMMER OF JUDGMENT!

DOMION SCRAYME!

...HE'LL BE OVERTAKEN BY THE DURAS, WHO MEANS TO REVERSE THE MASTER-SERVANT STATUS QUO—

IF THE SUMMONER LETS HIS GUARD DOWN EVEN A LITTLE...

YEAH...

A SUMMONED DURAS ALWAYS SEEKS TO "OVERTHROW" ITS MASTER... THAT'S THE DANGER OF SUMMONING.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT...!

ARE THEY TRULY FIGHTING EACH OTHER ...!?

SO...

...THEY SAY THAT WHEN A SUMMONER CALLS A HIGH-RANKING DURAS, IT CONSUMES THAT MUCH MORE POWER, BOTH MAGICAL AND PHYSICAL.

...STILL, AS IT STANDS NOW...

...IT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE REIGA IS.....

...ON YUKI'S SIDE HERE —?

KA.....

KANATA-SAN .....!!

PSHH (SNAP)

KER-(CRACK)

KER-

KER-

I, MASTER OF THE KEY OF RAZIEL...

...COMMAND THEE AS A NECROMANCER...!

KOOOO (FWOOO)

LUPHEN!

BA (FLIP)

BA

BA

LUBARGA (CRRRUMBLE)

THE SPELL IS—!

O BLACKENED SOUL,

TO THE LAND OF SHADOWS...

...THE FARTHEST REACHES OF THE GREAT DARKNESS, THE BLOOD-SOAKED, SCORCHED EARTH—

BAGOOO (VWOOHHH)

DOGYA (KRASHOOOM)

RETURN TO THY RIGHTFUL PLACE—

!!

ZUGAGA (FOOOSH)

YUKI!!

.....NGH!

GAKU (DROP)

KANATA-SAN...!

THAT'S NOT IT... HE WAS PROBABLY TRYING TO CAST THE "BANISHING" SPELL.

REIGA'S SUM-MONING SPELL...

WAS IT NOT IN TIME ...!?

YUKI CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE EITHER.

MY LEGS JUST.....

I- I'M ALL RIGHT.

THAT WOULD SEND THE SUMMONED DURAS BACK TO INFER-NUS—

TO KEEP HIM FROM USING POWERFUL MAGIC...

BUT THIS IS A BAD SITUATION FOR A MAGE...!

...CADENZA IS MOVING IN FOR CLOSE-RANGE ATTACKS!!

WHAT CAN I DO?

KANATA-SAN...!!

YOU WON'T GET ANY CHANCES TO CAST YOUR MAGIC FROM ME, MY LORD.

KUH .....!

AT THIS RATE, KANATA-SAN WILL...

WHAT DO I DO?

BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY STRENGTH LEFT IN ME...!

AND I'VE ALREADY "USED" UP MY POWER IN HEALING KUROTO-KUN AND SENSHI-ROU-SAN TOO.....

—HOW CAN I...

BYU (WHIZ)

ZUGAGAGA (RUMBLE)

BOOM (BOOM)

!!

LUKA ...!!

—THE BLOODY CROSS.....!!

TO (LEAP)

(GIRL LEERING)

!

PO (SLAM)

GO (RUMBLE)

IT'S HIGH TIME...

...TO PUT AN END TO YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL.....!

—WHY, YOU...

(BZZT)
...CAN YOU?

YOU TWO, STAND DOWN.
ZA (STEP)

KATSU
(CLICK)

EH.....!?

...TH—

THERE IS...

...I WAS DELAYED...

...FAOLAR.

...AN-OTHER LUKA .....?

GUH (HOOF)

...TCH!

IA (GASP)

.....

—SO YOU'VE COME...

...LUZE.

DID YOU FIND ELEGY?

YES.

SHE WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED AND PRACTICALLY DEAD IN A DITCH, BUT I HEALED HER.

DEAD IN A DITCH...?

"LUKA."

—IT'S NOT LUKA... BUT SOME-ONE ELSE.

BUT... THEY DO LOOK ALIKE...

...MAYBE.....

YUKI, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

...LUKA.

THANKS.

.....

...WAS IT YOU, ZESS?

... HMPH!

FOR ELEGY TO BE BEATEN THAT SOUNDLY—

KA-TSASHO

A TWIN BROTHER ...!

IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, LUKA...

...OR SHALL I CALL YOU BROTHER?

...YOU NEVER HAVE BEFORE.

UH, WELL... LU-LUKA... THAT MAN, HE LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU...

...YES.

HE'S MY YOUNGER TWIN.

SO LUKA HAS A SIBLING...

I NEVER EVEN IMAGINED IT.

LET ALONE THAT HE'D HAVE AN IDENTICAL TWIN...

...AH.

BUT HIS EYES...

HIS EYES ARE A DIFFER-ENT COLOR.

NOT THAT CLEAR, PIERCING SILVER LIKE LUKA'S...

BUT DEEP AMETHYST—

ELEGY WAS SAYING...MY "REPLACEMENT" HAD BEEN FOUND.

—WOULD THAT BE YOU, LUZÉ?

EH..... YOU TWO...

...HAVE TO FIGHT ON OPPOSITE SIDES EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE BROTHERS .....?

I SENSED YOUR PRESENCE NEARBY AS WELL...

HM...

I SUPPOSE BLOOD TIES ARE THE ONE THING THAT CANNOT BE SEVERED.

WELL, I DID GET THE FEELING THAT YOU WERE HERE...

...IN THE HUMAN WORLD.

SUCH IS THE MEANING OF THE WORD "BETRAYAL," YOU KNOW...!

YOU BRING THAT UP NOW?

...I ACCEPT YOUR ANGER.

—BUT I...

.....

THANKS TO YOU, THE REST OF US IN THE CLAN...

...ARE TREATED ALL THE MORE LIKE TRAITORS ...!

STOP IT, LUZE!

SO THIS IS THE ONE?

THE HUMAN FOR WHOM YOU BETRAYED INFERNUS ...!?

I NEVER DREAMT MY OTHER HALF WOULD GO TO SUCH FOOLISH LENGTHS...!

I'VE LOST ALL HOPE FOR YOU.

...HAVE NOT A SINGLE REGRET...

...IN THIS PATH I MYSELF HAVE CHOSEN.

TO FORFEIT THE POSITION YOU ATTAINED IN SPITE OF BEING ONE OF THE ZESS, THE CLAN OF SINNERS, AND TURN ON INFERNUS...

SIDING WITH EARTH— WHAT ADVANTAGE IS THERE IN THAT?

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE BEING BORN INTO THIS WORLD...

...I WAS ABLE TO FIND SOME MEANING TO MY LIFE...

...AND A REA-SON...

...TO LIVE.

—LUZE.

...EVEN IF IT IS YOU...

...I WILL NOT FORGIVE ANYONE WHO LAYS A HAND ON YUKI.

...I WOULD EXPECT NO LESS.

I DO NOT PLAN ON HOLDING BACK EITHER.

BUT NOW IS NOT THE TIME.

...WE WILL WITH-DRAW.

.....AT SOME POINT, YES.

ZA (STEP)

YES, THAT'S IT.

DON'T STAND AROUND BICKERING, JUST KILL EACH OTHER.

SAY WHAT YOU WILL, YOU TWO WILL NEVER SEE EYE TO EYE.

SO THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT FIGHT.

WHAT? YOU'VE GATHERED THIS MANY OF YOUR SOLDIERS HERE...

...ONLY TO LET THE GIOU GET AWAY?

GENERAL.

I WOULD ADVISE YOU TO FOLLOW THE WILL OF YOUR FAOLAR.

NOT TO MENTION, YOU SEEM TO BE INJURED YOURSELF—

VLEI CVHAID

HOW-EVER...

...IF YOU HAVE YOUR HEART SET ON A FIGHT...

...AND THE "BLADE KING" LUZÉ...

...WOULD BE A LITTLE TOO MUCH.

EVEN FOR ME...

...FACING BOTH THE "BLOODY CROSS"...

...NAH, FORGET IT.

...THEN I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO OBLIGE.

WHAT SAY YOU?

...WA- WAIT—

KANATA- SAN!!

BUT...

YOU TOLD ME TO HATE YOU...

...DID YOU SAVE ME?

...WHY...

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN HATE YOU...!!

...BUT AFTER THIS ...!

...AND WHY WOULD YOU NOT CONSIDER...

...THAT MAKING YOU FEEL THUS IS PART OF MY PLAN AS WELL?

I HAD NO PARTICULAR INTENTION TO HELP YOU...

YOU ARE SO NAIVE... YUKI.

I BELIEVE I TOLD YOU WE ARE ENEMIES.

B-BUT WHY MUST THAT BE!?

PLEASE GIVE ME A REASON!

YOU MUST HAVE HAD A REASON FOR BETRAYING THE GIOU, RIGHT...?

AND ME...

YOU DIDN'T MEAN TO STRING ME ALONG FROM THE BEGINNING ...!

—YOUR MEMORIES AS REIGA WERE "SEALED AWAY" UP UNTIL RECENTLY...

...SO!

THE KANATA-SAN I KNEW FROM MORNING SUN HOUSE IS THE "REAL THING," AND—

THE TIME WE HAD TOGETHER WASN'T A SHAM .....!

...HERE .....!

YOU WERE HELPING ME STUDY.....

IT WAS ONE YEAR AGO..... I WAS STUDYING FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS, BUT WE STILL HAD FUN.

...DO YOU REMEMBER...

学業成就

...WHEN YOU GAVE ME THIS GOOD LUCK CHARM...?

CHARM: "ACADEMIC SUCCESS"

AND YOU PROMISED ...

...YOU'D HELP AGAIN EVEN AFTER I GOT INTO HIGH SCHOOL, DIDN'T YOU?

...AND LIGHT FIRE-WORKS ...

...WE WERE LAUGH-ING...

...AND TALKING .....

WE'D HAVE BARBE-CUES...

AND THEN... WHEN SUMMER VACATION CAME AROUND ...

...WE WOULD GO CAMPING WITH THE MORNING SUN KIDS, YOU SAID—

...JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO.

...ALL OF IT...

SO WHY...

KANATA-SAN .....!!

WHY DO I HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST YOU NOW?

.....

...DON'T CALL ME BY THAT NAME.

I AM NOT "KANATA."

I...

...AM REIGA GIOU.

TSU-
BAKI
...!

TACHI-
BANA!

!!-KCY

ZUBHA
(SK!)

GO!

DEARG
HO!

GISHAAAA
(HISSSS)

HYUO
(WHOOSH)

DOOM (BOOM)

ROEVA (BRUSH)

ZATARA (HISSSH)

GOOOOO

GOO (ROAR)

KA-
NATA-
SA.....

WAH
....!

-KUY

—STILL...

"— I AM REIGA GIOU."

"I AM NOT 'KANATA.'

PO (PLIP)

...BRING MYSELF TO HATE YOU.....

STILL, I JUST CAN'T...

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LUKA-KUN!

AHOYYY THERE!

I MEAN, YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YUKI-KUN, RIGHT?

IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK...

...WOULD YOU MIND GOING IN ON STANDBY?

AND IF YOU'RE NOT THERE WHEN HE WAKES UP...

.....?

...WE'LL END UP HAVING TO PROMISE "I'LL GO LOOK FOR HIM!" AND RUN OUT TO FIND YOU ANYWAY.

COULDN'T YOU USE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES TOO?

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SLEEP NOW, MY SORROWS...

YES. THESE ARE JUST MY ART SUPPLIES.

SENSHI-ROU...

...ARE YOU FINISHED PACKING?

...IN SPITE OF WHAT HAPPENED THIS MORNING...

...YOU'RE STILL MOVING TO TWILIGHT HALL?

YES... THAT IS EXACTLY WHY...

...I THINK THE SOONER WE JOIN UP WITH THE OTHERS...

...AND PREPARE FOR MORE FIGHTING, THE BETTER.

I AM HAVING MOST OF MY THINGS SHIPPED LATER.

...ONCE YUKI-KUN WAKES UP, THAT IS.

HE IS, EVEN NOW, STILL ASLEEP.

HEY, SENSHI-ROU.

IF YOU HEARD HOW I FELT ABOUT YOU...

...WOULD YOU HAVE STAYED BESIDE ME...

...AND NEVER BECOME A ZWEILT?

—AT THIS JUNCTURE...

...I WISH I COULD TELL HIM PROPERLY...

...THAT I LOVE HIM...

I SEE...

HE'S REALLY GOING.

...SINCE OUR PARENTS PLEDGED US TO ONE ANOTHER.

HA-HA-HA C'MON, KEEP UP!

TSUBAKI, AGE NINE SENGOKU, AGE FOUR

WHEN WE WERE LITTLE, IT WAS NATURAL TO SPEND TIME TOGETHER...

DON'T SAY THAT... WANT TO TRY AGAIN?

AND ANYWAY, I DO NOT THINK BEING UNABLE TO COOK MAKES YOU A FAILURE AS A WOMAN.

I CAN'T EVEN MAKE A PROPER MISO SOUP... I FAIL AT BEING A GIRL...

YUCK...

I'M SO STUPID...

I TOOK THAT SITUATION FOR GRANTED.

...TSU-BAKI?

EVEN THOUGH I NEVER TRIED TO TELL HIM HOW I FELT—

SWEET SENSHI-ROU... JUST THAT ONE CONVERSA-TION...

...HAD ME THINKING, "OH, WOW! I GET TO MARRY HIM!"

RIGHT, TSUBAKI-CHAN?

BUT IF IT DISPLEASES YOU TO COOK, I CAN DO IT FOR US...

.....

TSU-BAKI...

...I AM SORRY.

TSUBAKI—

...SO...

...IT WOULD BE OKAY TO COME SEE YOU AGAIN?

...AND APOLOGIZE A HUNDRED TIMES... NO, TWO HUNDRED!

YOU'D BETTER COME BACK...

IF YOU DON'T, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE...!

YEAH.

...TO APOLO-GIZE, YOU MEAN. RIGHT .....!?

YOU THINK I'LL FORGIVE YOU JUST 'COS YOU APOLOGIZED ONCE?

.....NO.

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.

THAT'S NOT ANY-WHERE NEAR ENOUGH!

I WILL MAKE SURE TO COME.

AND ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVE-NESS—

BECAUSE I CAN'T SAY...

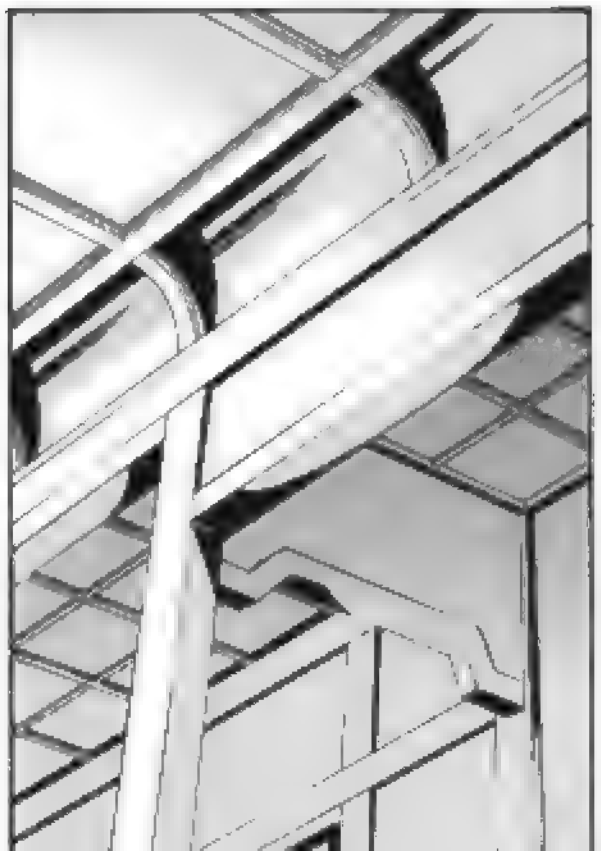
...ALL RIGHT.

...THANKS.

...“DON'T GO”—

THANK YOU, TSUBAKI.

AT THE VERY LEAST...



...COME BACK IN ONE PIECE.

KUROTO, IS YUKI-KUN STILL ASLEEP?

...YEAH.

DID YOU GET TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO TSUBAKI?

MM-HM.

...AM REIGA GIOU.

I...

I AM NOT KANATA.

AND THEN...

...AFTER REIGA LEFT...

I AM NOT KANATA.

...BRING MYSELF TO HATE YOU...

...WE REALLY MADE YUKI-KUN OVERWORK HIMSELF.

HE'S NOT MOVING A MUSCLE...

NOW HE'S SLEPT AWAY HALF THE DAY.

...HE BROKE DOWN CRYING AND JUST...

EVERY BATTLE REPEATS THAT SAME PATTERN.

THEN HE CURSES HIMSELF FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.

HE POURS HIS STRENGTH INTO US, TAKES THE PAIN ONTO HIMSELF...

...AND HIS BODY GIVES OUT.

IT'S MOSTLY OUR FAULT THAT YUKI GETS LIKE THAT.

—IT TAKES A LOT OUT OF HIM, YOU KNOW?

...THAT MUST BE...

...EVEN HARDER THAN FIGHTING.

I UNDERSTOOD IT FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN YUKI SAVED ME IN THAT FIGHT.

YAAAAAAH!

THE REASON THE ORIGINAL ZWEILT ALL HAVE SUCH PROFOUND FEELINGS FOR YUKI-KUN.....

...FOR THE LIGHT OF GOD— I GET IT NOW.

FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS...

...YOU HAVE FOUGHT TOGETHER LIKE THAT, HM.....?

OBORO... SAID THE SAME THING.

"EVEN IF I DON'T MAKE IT, RUN," HE SAID—

AT THE END.

...YOU...

...TOLD ME TO RUN AWAY.

WHETHER WE SURVIVE TOGETHER, OR DIE TOGETHER.

I CAN'T STAND HEARING IT.

WE'VE MADE IT THIS FAR, AND I WON'T ABANDON YOU NOW.

DON'T EVER SAY THAT AGAIN.

WHAT?

IS THAT A PICKUP LINE?

THIS IS NOT A JOKE!

...SO I'M STICKING WITH YOU, IS WHAT I GUESS I'M SAYING.

...IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE...

...HEADED STRAIGHT TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL OR SOME-THING...

...HUH...? I.....?

MM...

TVL

DYKU (SPERM)

HEH.

I GUESS SO... IF WE HAVE MADE REVENGE OUR PURPOSE...

...WE WILL NOT BE DYING PRETTY DEATHS.

TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL...EH?

GOOD TO KNOW.

NO ONE'S GOING TO HELL!

YOU GIVE UP A NORMAL LIFE FOR THE WAR AGAINST THE DURAS...

YOU RISK YOUR LIVES...

TO THINK YOU'D GO TO HELL AFTER ALL THAT—

YUKI-KUN!

YOU'RE AWAKE.

IT'S JUST TOO HORRIBLE!

...PLEASE.

PROMISE ME...

YUKI-KU.....

...THAT YOU WON'T GIVE UP ON FINDING HAPPINESS.

ESPECIALLY YOU TWO...!

EVERYONE HAS THAT RIGHT.....

(STARE)

I-I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP TOO...!

SO PLEASE...

PHEEEEEW

WE... PROM-ISE.

...O-OKAY.

I...

...I'M GLAD.

KUROTO AND I—

...WE ARE BOTH READY.

"—IF I CANNOT BE FORGIVEN FOR FIGHTING OUT OF A PERSONAL GRUDGE...

"...IF I WILL BE PUNISHED FOR DOING SO... THAT'S FINE."

...WHEN THAT TIME COMES, CAN WE SPEND OUR DAYS IN PEACE?

...AND MANAGE TO PUT IT ALL BEHIND US...

BUT... IF WE DO LIVE THROUGH THIS...

AM I EVEN ALLOWED TO WANT SUCH A THING?

.....

...HONESTLY.

YOU ARE JUST WAY TOO NICE.

STOP WORRYING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE, AND START WORRYING ABOUT YOURSELF.

YOU WERE SLEEPING LIKE A CORPSE FOR HALF THE DAY.

OH..... I'M SORRY.

I MUST HAVE WORRIED YOU... CRYING SO DISGRACEFULLY LIKE THAT.

.....

IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOUR SITUATION IS MUCH MORE COMPLICATED...

BUT I'M ALL RIGHT.

BECAUSE I'M NOT ALONE.

I HAVE LUKA...

...AND ALL THE ZWEILT WITH ME.

IT'S THE SAME FOR YOU.

YOU HAVE HOTSUMA-KUN AND SHUUSEI-KUN...

...AND TOOKO-CHAN AND TSUKUMO-KUN.

IT MIGHT BE A DARK ONE, BUT YOURS IS NOT A PATH THE TWO OF YOU HAVE TO TREAD ALONE.

IT'S A PATH WE'RE ALL WALKING TOGETHER.

BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS.

.....

.....I GUESS SO.

OUR ZWEILT COMRADES, AND YOU TOO...

...YOU ARE ALL HERE FOR US.

YES!

AND IF YOU DENY THAT, HOTSUMA-KUN WON'T BE VERY HAPPY.

HE GOT ANGRY AT ME FOR IT.

YUKI.

...LUKA!

WHA— HOW IS IT THAT YOU'RE HERE!?

IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO COME INSIDE NOW?

HE'S OUR COMRADE TOO.

WE'RE COUNTING ON HIM AS PART OF OUR MAIN FORCE.

LUKA...

...THE FIGHTING IS GOING TO GET SERIOUS FROM HERE ON OUT.

WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE YOU ON OUR SIDE.

YUKI, THE TWO OF US MAY HAVE SWORN REVENGE AGAINST CADENZA, BUT...

...OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO PROTECT YOU, NO MATTER WHAT.

...RIGHT.

KU...

KUROTO-KUN...!

MY SWORD...

...AND MY LIFE...

SU (SWS)

IN THAT BATTLE...

...I CAME TO THE PAINFUL REALIZATION THAT I AM STILL NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

SE...

SEN-SHIROU-SAN?

...ARE IN YOUR SERVICE.

FROM NOW ON, I SHALL TRAIN EVEN HARDER...

...SO THAT I MAY BECOME YOUR SWORD AND SHIELD, AND PROTECT YOU.

WE PLEDGE OUR UNDYING AND ABSOLUTE LOYALTY UNTO YOU, UNTIL WE ARE NO MORE—

N-NOT AGAIN...

...THANK YOU! I'LL TRY TO LIVE UP TO IT—!!

GABAA (CRUSH!)

A KOW-TOW...!?

...AWW, HOW NICE...

I WANNA BE PART OF THE GANG TOO—

TACHI-BANA!!

WHERE'S YUKI-CHAN!?

IS YUKI OKAY!?

THE MAIN HOUSE!? OR THE ANNEX!?

HEYO-OOO! IT'S MEEE!

AND HOW DID YOU GET HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

OHH, WHY ARE YOU ALL HERE? I THOUGHT WE TOLD YOU YUKI-KUN WAS FINE...

BUN (SHAKE)

BUN

SPIT IT OUT, TACHIBA-NAAAAA!!

RATHER INCONSIDERATE OF YOU.

...O-OH, RIGHT...!

MY BAD..

...I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE THE PROPER PREPARATIONS FOR OUR GUESTS...

IN THAT CASE, IF YOU HAD JUST GIVEN US A LITTLE PHONE CALL...

AH HA HA!

WELL, THEY HEARD THAT YUKI HAD BEEN HURT...

...AND IT LOOKED LIKE THEY COULDN'T TAKE THE WAITING AROUND MUCH LONGER, SO I KINDA HAD TO...

DRIVE THEM

DOC-TOR!?

I GOT A PHOTO OF MY MOM...

...AND I HEARD THE STORY BEHIND THE SUNSET OF THE UNDER-WORLD...

I WONDER IF I'LL EVER GET THE CHANCE TO COME BACK HERE AGAIN—

A LOT'S HAPPENED OVER THESE PAST TWO DAYS.

I WILL RETRIEVE YOUR LUGGAGE, SIR.

OH! THANK YOU.

BUT... I FEEL LIKE I CAME TO UNDERSTAND SOME THINGS...

...AND YET...

...I FEEL LIKE I DIDN'T UNDER-STAND A SINGLE THING.....

YUKI...

YOU'RE NOT PUSHING YOURSELF TOO HARD, ARE YOU?

HUH?

LOUD-MOUTH?

UGH. THE LOUD-MOUTH'S HERE.

TALK TO ME?

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU WHEN WE GET BACK TO TWILIGHT HALL...

THANKS FOR ASKING. BUT I'M ALL RIGHT. ...UM, LUKA...

HOTSUMA-KUN!?

WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING HERE!?

TSUKUMO-KUN! TOOKO-CHAN!

SHUUSEI-KUN!

YUKI'S SHAPE IS SPECIALLY ADAPTED TO THE PERSONAL SPACE INVASIONS OF THE MURASAME SIBLINGS. I SEE

MM-HM, AND HERE'S THE TOUCHING REUNION.

A LOVELY SCENE! ♥

YUKI!

YUKI-CHAN...!

HM?

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KYORO

WHO DO YOU MEAN?

—SAYYY, WHERE'S MISTER ALWAYS-SCHEMING-FACE?

AND AFTER THEY WERE ONLY SEPARATED FOR ONE NIGHT!

AND TO CALL HIM "SCHEMING-FACE"...

FUJIWARA-SENSEI... I HAVE ASKED MANY TIMES THAT YOU REFER TO TAKASHIRO-SAMA WITH THE PROPER HONORIFIC.

TAKA-SHIRO.

TAKA-SHIRO TELLS ME EVERY-THING.

THE MASTER TELLS ME ALL AS WELL.

THERE IS **NO WAY** THE DOCTOR IS THE ONLY EXCEP-TION!!

IF WE'RE TALKING EXCEPTIONAL, I DO BELIEVE THAT I AM **RATHER EXCEP-TIONAL** MYSELF!

NOW JUST A MINUTE! THIS REALLY IS INEX-CUSABLE.

IT'S JUST A HABIT, YOU KNOW?

...MAYBE I'M JUST AN *EXCEP-TION.*

AND SINCE TAKASHIRO HASN'T WHINED ABOUT IT...

YES, I'M SORRY TO HAVE WORRIED YOU...

YOU LOOK BETTER THAN WE THOUGHT.

THAT'S A RELIEF.

BACHI (CRACKLE)

GET OFF HIM ALREADY!

BACHI

WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?

...YOU'RE ALL....

CLINGY, CLINGY, CLINGY

...PRETTY ANNOYING.

OH, KUROTO.

SEN-SHIROU-SAN.

AND LUKA.

ARE YOU BOTH ALL RIGHT?

YOU WERE UP AGAINST CADENZA...

FIGURED YOU'D BE ALL CURLED UP AND SHAKIN' UNDER THE COVERS.

WHAT WAS THAT, NOW?

WHY WOULD I BE AFRAID OF CA-DENZA?

...HMPH.

LET'S SEE IT, MONKEY BRAT.

NEXT TIME WE'LL WIPE THE FLOOR WITH HIM.

SHUT UP. YOU'RE THE MONKEY AROUND HERE.

DON'T PUT ON AIRS WITH ME.

WHAT WAS THAT!?

ANYWAY, WHAT'S THAT STUFF FOR...?

IF YOU WILL HAVE US, THAT IS.

THEY'RE COMING TO LIVE WITH US AT TWILIGHT HALL!

YAY!

WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU!

REALLY? THAT'S GREAT.

YOU MUST HAVE GOTTEN THE OKAY FROM TAKASHIRO-SAMA!

DOKIDOKI

WEREN'T YOU HAPPY JUST NOW WHEN YOU FOUND OUT SENSHIROU-SAN WAS COMING?

N—

NAH!

IT'LL BE FUN IN THE HOUSE AGAIN~! ♪

WHAT!!?

TH-THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS THINKING —!!

IF SENSHIROU-SAN IS THERE, HE'LL MAKE MIDNIGHT SNACKS AND DO THE CHORES FOR EVERYONE.

YOU WERE THINKING YOU'D GET SPOILED ROTTEN, I BET?

※ SENSHIROU'S TYPE: 1) HAS A DARK SIDE; 2) HIGH MAINTENANCE = MEETS CRITERIA.

HE'S LAUGHING.

I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING GOING ON. THE OTHERS ARE HERE?

I CAME TO SEE THEM OFF.

TSUBAKI-KUN.

TOO PRETTY, REALLY.

JUST LIKE ALWAYS, THEY'RE A **RIDICU-LOUSLY** GOOD-LOOKING BUNCH...

YUKI AND TOCKC ARE CUTE!

YES, DEADLY.

NOT TO WORRY, I WILL COOK FOR YOU!

I NEVER SAID HE WAS! ^^

SEN-SHIROU ISN'T YOUR SHORT-ORDER COOK!!

AH HA HA HA!

HOTSUMA PRACTICALLY LOOKS LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON.

BUT...

...IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE ALL COMING TOGETHER NICELY AROUND YUKI.

THOSE KIDS

WELLLL ...

...THEIR SOLIDARITY IS ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL NOW.

YEAH!

A HEART-FELT SMILE.

AAALL RIIIIGHT! HERE WE GO, BACK TO TWILIGHT HALL!

AND EVEN IF...

...IT'S JUST FOR A MOMENT...

JUST FOR THIS FLEETING MOMENT—

MY PAIN...

...MY FEARS...

...MY SORROWS— LET THEM ALL...

...SLEEP NOW. FOR THIS MOMENT...

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◆CHILDISH ADULTS...CONTINUED◆

AFTER ALL, HE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE MAIN RESIDENCE, WHERE I AM.

...IT HARDLY MATTERS... WHO HAS WHAT STANDING WITH TAKASHIRO-SAMA.

WHERE I CAN DEVOTE MYSELF COMPLETELY TO SERVING HIM.

フイ FUI (THUD)

OH!?

HEH HEH HEH.

WELL, SINCE WE'RE DISCUSSING *THAT*—

HEYYY! YOU'RE LYING! ABOUT WHAT!?

I GET A PHONE CALL FROM TAKASHIRO PRETTY MUCH EVERY NIGHT! ♪

...AH, IS THIS ISUZU?

IT'S ME.

WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?

You're not doing anything untoward to Yuki, I trust?

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HOTA-KITTY ATE THEM.
BARI CORUNCHO
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